



FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, with revision, the Reports of Deposits (FR 2900; OMB No. 7100-0087).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR 2900, FR 2910a, FR 2915, or FR 2930, by any of the following methods:

- Agency Website: <http://www.federalreserve.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx>.
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include OMB number in the subject line of the message.
- FAX: (202) 452-3819 or (202) 452-3102.
- Mail: Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's website at

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or

contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper form in Room 3515, 1801 K Street (between 18th and 19th Streets NW) Washington, DC 20006 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the OMB Desk Officer – Shagufta Ahmed – Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the PRA OMB submission, including the proposed reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation will be placed into OMB's public docket files, once approved. These documents will also be made available on the Federal Reserve Board's public website at:

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer – Nuha Elmaghrabi – Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551 (202) 452-3829. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact (202) 263-4869, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC, 20551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to

approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

Request for comment on information collection proposal

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

- a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Federal Reserve's functions; including whether the information has practical utility;
- b. The accuracy of the Federal Reserve's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
- e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Federal Reserve should modify the proposal prior to giving final approval.

Proposal to approve under OMB delegated authority the extension for three years, with revision, of the following report:

Report title: Report of Transaction Accounts, Other Deposits, and Vault Cash (FR 2900); Annual Report of Deposits and Reservable Liabilities (FR 2910a); Report of Foreign (Non-U.S.)

Currency Deposits (FR 2915); and Allocation of Low Reserve Tranche and Reservable Liabilities Exemption (FR 2930).

Agency form number: FR 2900; FR 2910a; FR 2915; and FR 2930.

OMB control number: 7100-0087.

Frequency: Weekly, quarterly, annually, and on occasion.

Respondents: Depository institutions.

Estimated number of respondents: FR 2900 (Weekly), 2,007; FR 2900 (Quarterly), 4,395; FR 2910a, 2,941; FR 2915, 122; and FR 2930, 93.

Estimated average hours per response: FR 2900 (Weekly), 1.25; FR 2900 (Quarterly), 3; FR 2910a, 0.75; FR 2915, 0.5; and FR 2930, 0.25.

Estimated annual burden hours: FR 2900 (Weekly), 130,455; FR 2900 (Quarterly), 52,740; FR 2910a, 2,206; FR 2915, 244; FR 2930, 23.

General description of reports: Data from these mandatory reports are used by the Board for administering Regulation D (Reserve Requirements of Depository Institutions) and for constructing, analyzing, and monitoring the monetary and reserve aggregates. The FR 2900 is the primary source of data used for the calculation of required reserves and applied vault cash, and for the construction and analysis of the monetary aggregates. Data are also used for indexing the exemption amount and low reserve tranche amount each year, as required by statute and for indexing the nonexempt deposit cutoff and reduced reporting limit each year, as determined by the Board, amounts which determine whether depository institutions file the FR 2900 either weekly or quarterly. The FR 2910a is generally submitted by exempt institutions whose total deposits (as shown on their December Call Report)¹ are greater than the exemption

¹ In this document, the term Call Report refers to the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (FFIEC 031, FFIEC 041, and FFIEC 051; OMB No. 7100-0036) filed by commercial banks, Report of Assets and Liabilities of

amount. All FR 2900 respondents, both weekly and quarterly, that offer deposits denominated in foreign currencies at their U.S. offices file the FR 2915 quarterly on the same reporting schedule as quarterly FR 2900 respondents. Foreign currency deposits are subject to reserve requirements and, therefore, are included in the FR 2900 data. However, because foreign currency deposits are not included in the monetary aggregates, the FR 2915 data are used to net foreign currency-denominated deposits from the FR 2900 data to exclude them from measures of the monetary aggregates. The FR 2930 data are collected when the low reserve tranche and reservable liabilities exemption thresholds are adjusted toward the end of each calendar year or upon the establishment of an office outside the home state or Federal Reserve District.

Proposed revisions: The Board proposes raising the nonexempt deposit cutoff to \$1 billion, substantially increasing the cutoff from its indexed amount of \$457.5 million that is set to take effect in September 2018. This proposed increase in the nonexempt deposit cutoff would reduce reporting burden on depository institutions while maintaining accurate measurements of the money and reserves aggregates. With this increase, the Board estimates that approximately 1,000 depository institutions would become newly eligible to elect to shift from weekly to quarterly FR 2900 reporting. However, consistent with current policy, newly eligible institutions for quarterly reporting may elect to continue reporting weekly. There are no changes proposed for the FR 2910a, FR 2915, or FR 2930.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: The information collected on these reports is authorized under sections 11, 25(7), and 25A(17) of the Federal Reserve Act (FRA), and section 7 of the International Banking Act (IBA). Section 11 of the FRA (12 U.S.C. 248(a)) authorizes the Board to require reports from each member bank as it may deem necessary and authorizes the

U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002; OMB No. 7100-0032), Statement of Financial Condition (NCUA 5300; OMB No. 3133-0004) filed by credit unions, and Consolidated Report of Condition and Income for Edge and Agreement Corporations (FR 2886b; OMB No. 7100-0086).

Board to prescribe reports of liabilities and assets from insured depository institutions to enable the Board to discharge its responsibility to monitor and control monetary and credit aggregates. Sections 25(7) and 25A(17) of the FRA (12 U.S.C. sections 604a and 625) authorize the Board to require Edge and agreement corporations to make reports to the Board. Section 7 of the IBA (12 U.S.C. 3105(c)(2)) authorizes the Board to require reports from U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks. The FR 2900, FR 2910a, FR 2915, and FR 2930 are all mandatory. The release of data collected on these forms would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the respondent if made publicly available. The data collected on these forms, therefore, may be kept confidential under exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, which protects from disclosure trade secrets and commercial or financial information (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 15, 2018.

Ann E. Misback,

Secretary of the Board.

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